4/3/69

Dear Garyn

In the few minutes before I pick Lil up, hasty comment on your mailing postmarked 3/31, no letter:

Read may be very important. It is my perhaps incorrect recollection that the official story is several of his negatives disappeared. I suggest you ask him to not let his eyewitness description of the incident await his return. Ask him to write what he now can. This may get his mind back on it and if and when other things come to his mind, he can and should also note them and send them to you.

Willis must have loaded up on Waldorf stationary. I am responsible for that. I got Dick Billings to pay his way to New York for several days in return for which Willies let him examine the unpublished shots. I got Billings to agree in advance they'd not be used without a deal with Willis. According to Billings, they are not significant. I'd like to see them. Ask him to make a set of prints for us. I think he'd do it for me. We can then go over them. He knows is we find anything he is not aware of the value will accrue to him. I was supposed to have met him in N.O. but, as you know, I had to be in D.C, etc.

Allan Swartz is a good fellow. He accompanied me on all my Hall interviews. He is from Chilo. Micheline, I believe, became kind of or in his eyes Burton's girl friend or some sort of responsibility. I believe he left me early the first night I was in LA in 10.68 to keep her from suicide, as he explained his urgency.

I repeat what I said of Lubic, in spades. Christian is a fit companion. He has fleeced me in several ways in the guise of helping. I'd like to know more about Jaffe's worry about being "in on the original meeting where Bradley was chosen". The original interview of which I have knowledge was Boxley's, with Turner. I have the memo. You should.

It is possible Gary Sanders was not then on the office payroll. Louis would not, on his own, provide Mark with any kind of bodyguard. When Mark tried to sell his book by claiming the CIA was going to get him, Louis asked me "Why"? Why, indeed. He planted Gary with Jim, and Sanders is nothing, not in any way competent, except to steal the girl friend Jaffee got on the payroll. But if it can be established that Jim was paying some of the cost of Mark's promotions, I'll want very much to know- and use to recoup some of my expenses.

Adelot is suing Bradley, is his radical-right enemy. There seems to be no reason to trust any of them.

Jim Lawrence: inconsistent with what Kevin told me. If that Steve Burton memo was a letter he wrote me, that explains how Steve things I passed it on to Jaffe. I'd like to know.

The office did pay Jaffe's expenses abroad. Much money.

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